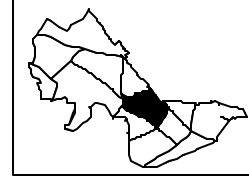


NEIGHBORHOOD 6

MID-CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

POPULATION: 13,006 residents
5,989 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,075

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, and 6C.

2002 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

As is consistent with the city as a whole, Mid-Cambridge has experienced an increase in **housebreaks** this year. Two major patterns identified in January and June helped fuel this increase. In late January, thieves targeted apartment buildings along Harvard, Broadway, Dana and Ellery Streets. Burglars knocked on apartment doors to determine if the residents were home, forced a door or side window open, and then ransacked the apartments. Laptops were a primary target. A second pattern of breaks emerged in June around the Somerville/Cambridge border. The breaks occurred between 2:00 pm-6:00 pm and between midnight-3:00 on weekends. Several apartment buildings on Harvard Street, Ellery Street, Kirkland Street, and Massachusetts Avenue were targets of multiple breaks. • The **street robberies** reported were concentrated on Broadway & Trowbridge Street. Several of the robberies were committed by suspects known to the victim through attendance at the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School. • The increase in **malicious destruction** incidents is due to a spree of fifteen tire slashings that were reported in early April on Antrim Street. • Three of the **drug** arrests were the result of traffic stops that ended with the discovery of marijuana in the driver's possession. The final two arrests were of a Cambridge Rindge & Latin student who had marijuana concealed in his school locker and of a Lawrence man who was intercepted by detectives before delivering thirteen bags of heroin.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2001 & 2002

| CRIME | 2 nd Q 2001 | 2 nd Q 2002 | % CHANGE |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Housebreaks | 43 | 56 | +30% |
| Street Robbery | 5 | 5 | N.C. |
| Auto Theft | 24 | 14 | -47% |
| Larceny from MVs | 52 | 55 | +6% |
| Malicious Destruction | 52 | 64 | +23% |
| Drug Arrests | 8 | 5 | -38% |

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

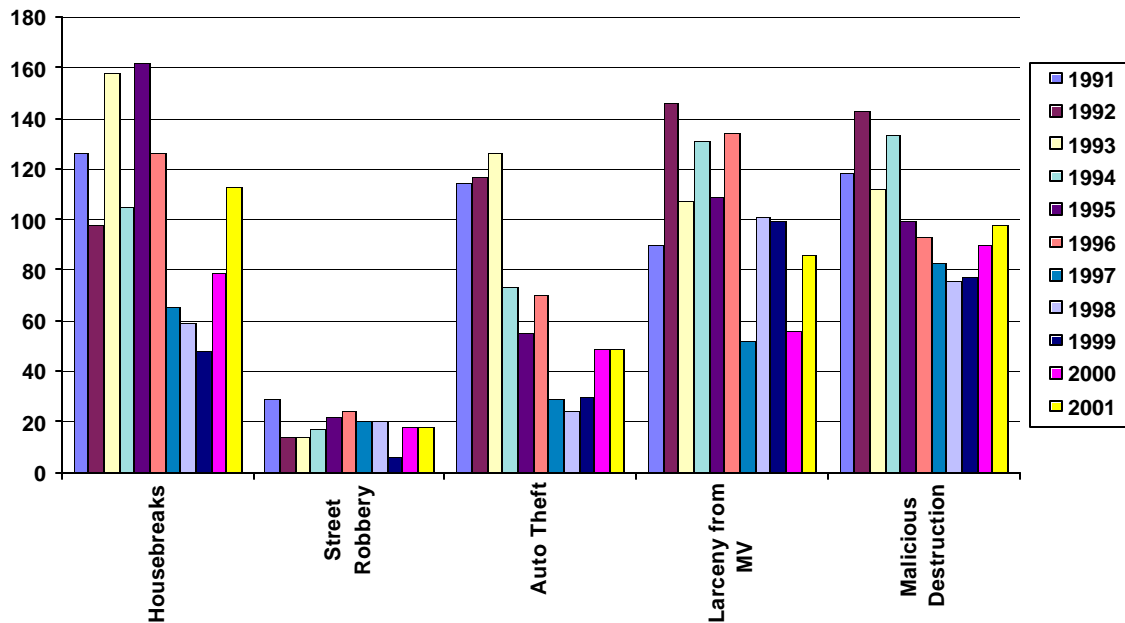
Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners.

Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher than average rate for several crimes. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential Burglary** is naturally highest in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a serious problem. The largest clusters appear on Harvard Street between Prospect and Lee Streets, on Broadway between Lee and Ellery Streets, around the Massachusetts Avenue/Hancock Street intersection, on the lower half of Trowbridge Street, and on Lee Street. Mid-Cambridge also ranks high in **Larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crimes of **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**. The Cambridge Police Department strives to reduce both crimes through preventive patrol efforts, "Park and Walks," and priority investigation. Its 50 percent drop since the 1980s bespeaks some success.

- **Street robbery** is surprisingly low in Mid-Cambridge given its population. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue, on Cambridge Street, and in Inman Square.

- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.



| ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Crime | 1981-1990 | Rank 81-90* | 1991-2000 | Rank 91-00* | Rank 2001* |
| Housebreaks | 226 | 1 | 103 | 1 | 1 |
| Street Robbery | 49 | 3 | 18 | 5 | 3 |
| Auto Theft | 147 | 4 | 70 | 3 | 5 |
| Larceny from MVs | 198 | 1 | 106 | 2 | 3 |
| Malicious Destruction | 149 | 1 | 106 | 5 | 3 |

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest